
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 21, 1847.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

AN ACT

To amend and continue in force the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 every free white male citizen of the United States, except per-
4 sons confined as paupers in the alms-house, lunatics, idiots, and
5 others disqualified by conviction, in a court of competent juris-
6 diction, of felony or other infamous crime, and who shall have
7 attained the age of twenty-one years, and shall have resided in
8 the city of Washington one year immediately preceding the
9 election, shall be entitled to vote, by ballot, for mayor, members
10 of the board of aldermen, of the board of common council, reg-
11 ister, collector, and surveyor, and for every other officer author-
12 ized to be chosen at any popular election under the above recited
13 act, all of whom shall hereafter be elected by the people quali-
14 fied as herein provided.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the mayor, board of*
2 aldermen, and board of common council, of the city of Washing-

ton, may levy, and are hereby authorized to levy, a poll-tax, not to exceed in amount one dollar per annum, on each white male citizen who may reside in the city of Washington, to be collected and applied as other taxes.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the act or acts now in force, incorporating the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and prescribing the duties and rights of the same, shall continue and be in force, with the exception of so much thereof as may be contrary to the provisions of this act.

Passed the House of Representatives January 20, 1847.

Attest:

B. B. FRENCH, *Clerk*.